

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
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PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Be of Service. Be Growth-Oriented. Two CBA core values that ring forte and prominently for me in the current moment. In serving on the Board of Governors, I would hope to further service to the legal industry by bridging worlds that comprise the legal industry and spurring continuous growth by offering confluent thought.

Having had the opportunity to experience the legal profession in various capacities, I have gained a spectrum of relations from budding law students and law students to colleagues in solo practice, small to big law, in-house, government, and the judiciary. I would hope to be of service by both bringing light to the voices of a comprehensive many and engaging to continue the impact reflective of and for the Columbus bar and impending Columbus bar.

My same background from mid-law to firm founder has and continues to sculpt my blended outlook on the field of law. As the legal industry is currently enthralled with the growing and unknown effects of AI, mounting competition (e.g., substitutes), political pressures, challenge to fee models, and uncertainty of markets, I would hope to collaborate and partner with my colleagues to cultivate avenues of adaptability, sustainability, and growth.

I endeavor that my time advances this City by my service to this industry and support of the independent and collective growth of my colleagues. I am honored by the recognition of my colleagues to receive this nomination to support in this capacity. In receiving this nomination, I am reminded of the words of Rumi, “get up and do some

good for someone now, the universe will surely safekeep your act, everyone has left his belongings and is gone, you too, except, for what good you have done.”

EDUCATION:

Capital University Law School (J.D., 2012)

Hebrew University (Interreligious Conflict Resolution, 2012)

Pontifica Universidad Catolica Argentina (Trade Law and Foreign Investments, 2011)

The Ohio State University (B.A., 2009)

LAW RELATED BACKGROUND:

Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter, Associate

United States Attorney General Southern District of Ohio, Legal Clerk

Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman’s Policy & Public Affairs Office, Legal Clerk

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND:

Media:

- CBA: Lawyers with Artistic License (2026)
- Black Enterprise (2025)
- Lawyer Monthly: Bridging Law and Business (2024)
- Voyage Ohio (2024)
- Entrepreneurs of Columbus (2019)
- OSBA: Membership Spotlight (2019)

Board Service:

- Greater Columbus Arts Council, Executive Member
- OhioDance, Executive Member
- Sky Nile Consulting, Trustee Member
- The Salvation Army, Advisory Member

BAR ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:

Columbus Bar Association:

- Employee Benefits Chair (past)
- Editorial Board Member (past)

OTHER BAR ASSOCIATION AND LAW RELATED ORGANIZATIONS:

American Bar Association (current) (Sixth Circuit Lt. Governor (Student Law Division))

BESLA (Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyers Association) (current)

Ohio State Bar Association (current)

Legal Aid - volunteer (past)

HONORS, AWARDS, AND PUBLICATIONS:

The Little Free Pocket Guide on Nonprofit Organizations (2026)

Super Lawyer, Rising Star (2016 – 2026)

Most Influential Lawyer, Mahogany Columbus (2024)

The National Black Lawyers Top 100 (2024)

Talking to Crows (Rockrose Publishing, 2023)

Copyright and Trademark in the .Com Era (Ohio State Bar Association, 2021)

UrbanOne Radio: Future History Maker (2020)

Performance Rights – Broadcasters to Pay? (The Licensing Journal, 2015)

Streaming: Friend or Foe? (Lexology, 2014)

The Modern Lawyer (Columbus Bar Lawyers Quarterly, 2014)

Who's Who in Black Columbus (2013)